GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:743
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INCLUSION OF LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Governments for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and language-wise including Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the time by which these languages including Chhattisgarhi are likely to be included in the Eighth Schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details of State-wise and language-wise proposals received from various State Governments from time to time for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule are as under:-

State Governments	Name of Language
(i) Bihar	Bhojpuri
(ii) Chhattisgarh	Chhatisgarhi
(iii) Himachal Pradesh	Bhoti
(iv) Karnataka	Kodava and Tulu
(v) Mizoram	Mizo
(vi) Nagaland	Tenyidi
(vii) Rajasthan	Rajasthani
(viii) Sikkim	Bhutia, Lepcha and Limboo

(c): There is no criteria for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule. Government appointed Shri Sitakant Mohapatra Committee for recommending a criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The report of this Committee is under consideration. In addition to above, in terms of Parliamentary Resolution of 1968, the inclusion of a language in the Eighth Schedule has a direct link to the examinations conducted by UPSC. The UPSC constituted a High Level Standing Committee in July, 2009 to examine the modalities for implementing the recommendations of the above Resolution. The report of the High Level Committee has since been received in Department of Personnel and Training in March, 2012 and is under examination. A final decision on the same is likely to be taken shortly in that Department. The pending proposals for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule would be considered as and when, on the basis of above Committees, a criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule is approved by the Government.